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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully request Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks and amendments. As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due March 19, 2006, this response is timely filed.

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